GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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VENDORS HAWKERS AND BEGGARS IN TRAINS RUNNING TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on-board vendors/hawkers and beggars in trains including running trains like Ratnachal in South Central Railway disturb passengers frequently;

(b) whether the Railways are considering to introduce a better system of on-board sales in trains including running trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps being taken/to be taken by the Railways to check the problems of vendors/hawkers and beggars in trains including running trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) : Some cases of passengers facing problems due to activities of unauthorized vendors/hawkers and beggars have come to notice.

(b) : The existing system of providing on-board catering services on Indian Railways is considered adequate and working satisfactorily.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Regular drives are being conducted to apprehend the unauthorized hawkers and beggars in association with Police and action is taken against them as per the relevant provisions of law.